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Victory in 1904.

The year 1903 will probably be a red-letter year in the history of the Democratic party, or the blackest of all its black-letter years. Every indication now points to Democratic success in that year, if Democrats are permitted to take advantage of the opportunities afforded them. The Republican party has long ago exhausted the mandate that called it into being. It has violated every pledge that it has made to the people of this country within the last twenty years. It advocated civil service reform when it thought by so doing it would prevent its majorities from diminishing, but has continued to give place to the spoilsman as if its platforms were silent upon that subject. In its youth, it forced civil war upon the country rather than permit the people of the South to longer hold the black man in a condition of involuntary servitude; in its old age, it has waged a war of subjugation in order to reduce the brown man of the Philippine Islands to a state of slavery. In the sixties it passed the thirteenth constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery, or involuntary servitude within the United States, or within the limits of any territory belonging to the United States; in the nineties it quietly sanctioned slavery in our newly acquired territories. It established the national bank, a war measure—a temporary device to tide us over a time of storm and stress—it fastened this iniquitous banking system upon our shoulders long after the supposed necessity that gave rise to it ceased. With promises of bimetalism upon its lips it has succeeded in fixing the single gold standard upon us.

Twelve years ago, when the people were becoming restive under the burdens of tariff taxation, it promised to reform the tariff; it kept its promise by raising the tariff wall about us higher than it was in the beginning. It began its career by enthusiastically advocating the cause of free labor, it now sanctions the ruling of the Federal Judge who seeks to drive men to work against their wills. In the fifties the United States marshal chasing a runaway negro across the fields was to be thwarted by any means that ingenuity could suggest; to-day the United States marshal who rounds up a body of miners for quietly assembling to discuss their grievances, is to be helped in every way possible. This is the Republican party as it was and as it is. It has become rotten from center to circumference. The gangrene of corruption has affected every part of its huge carcass. The fatal virus has spread from the leader of national reputation to the humblest lieutenant in the obscurest township of the most remote county in the land. It taints the minister who receives his two or three shares of trust stock from a liberal or designing parishioner and, so long as they pay comfortable dividends, refuses to say one word against conditions that renders his life work abortive and must ultimately drag his church into the mire. It besmirches the bishop who falls to reprove sin in high places through fear of a reduced income, or because of hints that there will be a shortage in the building fund if he does not confine himself to heavenly things. It overflows the politician, who does what he knows to be wrong and advocates what he believes to be wrong in order to reap a present advantage. It reaches the poor devil who on election day sells his vote for a few dollars because they mean present food and clothing, light and warmth to his little ones—who betrays his principles reluctantly because the good they bring him is far, far away, and the good his treasurer certainly brings him is near at hand.

Republicans are neither better nor worse than other men. They hate evil and revere good as other men do. They have vices, but they also have a conscience. It is these facts that cause us to look to the future with hope. It is the fact that the rank and file of the Republican party are of the same clay as other men that gives us confidence in 1904. The Republican party never appeared stronger than it does now, but we believe that it never was weaker. Its bulk is the bulk of the inebriate, of a man with the dropsy. When any party ceases to appeal to the conscience and hearts of men, when every heart-throb for humanity has died out of it, when its ears have become deaf and its eyes blind to human suffering, when it has become dumb in the cause of human liberty,

when its virtues are wholly in the past and it can point to nothing but vice in the present, when it seeks to convince men that its policies will pay rather than that they are right, when the only inducement it holds out to the voter is that it will benefit his pocket or stomach to vote its ticket, when it sneers at sincerity in public men and ridicules uprightness as a source of weakness, it will be cast out and become a thing hated of men and accursed of God.

What argument has the Republican party addressed to any man within the last quarter of a century that reaches higher than his pocket or stomach? What single count in the above indictment is not true of it? Attempt to talk to a Republican about the platform pledges of his party and he will refer you to the Democratic administration of Grover Cleveland, who is a Democrat to the same degree that Judas Iscariot was a saint. Call his attention to the atrocities committed by men who disgrace the uniform of the United States soldier in the Philippines—be conservative—mention nothing but facts that are undisputed, like Gen. Smith's child-killing, house-burning order, or the torture of a priest for purposes of robbery; call his attention to the fact that the administration will not permit the records in these cases to be laid before the people, although they belong to the people, and he will tell you that he has no time to talk politics. Ask him what he thinks of Judge Adams' order which practically compels men to continue at work for a corporation; or of Judge Kellner's order that merchants shall not sell provisions or other necessities to men who refuse to work for a mining company, and he will smile weakly and inform you that he is not well up in the laws against anarchy. Try to discuss the tariff, trusts, the asset currency scheme, or any other vital issue now before the people, and he will show an equal disinclination to talk politics. Press the matter and he will get mad.

This condition is not an indication of Republican success. The men who manage that party are filled with fear that it will be disastrously defeated at the coming election. It is this fear that makes them eager to control the Democratic organization. To the end that Mr. Bryan may be eliminated from it, they will pour out their money like water. With Hill, or Gorman, or any other deserter of 1896, or 1900, in charge of it, they feel as secure as if Mark Hanna was at the helm, for they know that not a single unjust privilege which they now have will be taken from them, and not a single unfair advantage they now enjoy will be curtailed.

If the Democratic party is true to itself, if it stands by its traditions, if it reiterates the Kansas City platform, if it repudiates the reorganizers who are trying to Republicanize it, if it puts forth as its standard bearer a sincere, able, upright man, in hearty sympathy with the common people, no corruption fund that can be accumulated will avail to secure its defeat. The fight within the party ranks between the regulars and the reorganizers will settle the question of victory or defeat in 1904. If the reorganizers win, they do not expect to lead the party to victory. They expect to prevent Republican policies from being interfered with. But the reorganizers will not win. They will never again be permitted to make the Democratic party a jackal to the Republican lion, as they did under the Cleveland administration. With the Democratic organization in the hands of its friends there need be no fear of the result in 1904. The hearts and consciences of the Republican masses have at last been reached. The four hundred thousand votes which the socialists polled last year, most of which came from Republican strongholds, point to this fact. Let Democrats keep their powder dry for enemies within as well as without their ranks and all will be well.—Potosi Independent.

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Germany's Supersensitiveness.

Germany's newspapers are showing a sensitiveness over the remarks made by Admiral Dewey which ought to create some amusement in this country. The Admiral's talk, in making a

comparison between the navy of the United States and that of Germany, to the disadvantage of the latter, was inconsiderate, but he has told the President that no offense was intended to Germany. He merely wanted to show, by a concrete illustration, that the United States could hold its own on the ocean against any European power, excepting possibly Great Britain.

But the Berlin papers do not accept this explanation. They declare that Dewey is vain and boastful. They say, moreover, that the United States' easy victory over Spain, a fourth-rate power, has inflated American pride in its navy beyond all reasonable warrant. All these things show an irritability on the part of Germany which is foolish, and which can have no other effect in this country than in exciting laughter. Of course, the Admiral should have recognized German sensitiveness, and ought to have been more careful in his comparisons. There has been too much loose talk recently among soldiers and sailors, not only in the United States, but in England, Germany and other countries.

Yet the American people can not help feeling pride in their navy. In all the wars in which the country has been engaged the navy has given a good account of itself. It showed up well in the war of independence. In the conflict of 1812-15 it won imperishable laurels. It was the mistress of the seas which the Americans were fighting in those two wars. The victories which were gained against Spain five years ago were in line with those which were won against an immeasurably more powerful enemy at an earlier day. Sea fighting is carried on to-day under radically different conditions from those which prevailed a century ago, but the chances are that even against the most potent of the naval powers of the world of the present time the American sea fighters would hold their own.—Globe-Democrat.

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The Tariff Wall.

Senator Bacon of Georgia, if correctly reported in a recent interview which is being widely circulated by Republican papers, appears to have absorbed some of the regulation Republican ideas concerning the tariff. He is reported as saying that while he is a low tariff man he is aware that a full realization of such an idea is far from practicable. He would "pull off some of the bricks from the top of the tariff wall," but would not "raise the wall to the ground." He would lower the rates to a point "where labor would still be safe," and at the same time withdraw federal protection from interests that are now sheltered behind prohibitive tariffs and are enabled to charge extortionate prices.

Why should any Democrat encourage the idea that the tariff makes high wages at this late day, when the pretense has been thoroughly exploded? Here was our coal tariff, for example, which was greater than the entire labor cost of mining and loading coal, and the operators refused to increase wages to such an extent as to let the men have four-fifths of the tariff tribute. But under agitation the tariff has been temporarily removed, and at the same time wages have been increased 10 per cent. What has the tariff to do with the wages of coal miners? What is the point "where labor would still be safe?"

The simple truth is that the present tariff has nothing to do with wages, and wages have nothing to do with the tariff. There is hardly an article on the tariff list, that is produced in this country, which we are not exporting and selling in foreign markets in competition with the products of "pauper labor" of other countries. It is only the consumers of this country who pay the tariff tax, and it is not paid for the

benefit of American workingmen, but for the benefit of the trusts and the tariff grabbers.

Of course nobody is proposing to remove the tariff altogether, because it is needed for revenue, to some extent, and there are some industries that are adjusted with regard to it which would be unjustly injured if the whole tariff were arbitrarily removed. But there are some features of it so manifestly unjust and so manifestly abused that they should be removed altogether. What excuse can be given for retaining the duty on coal or on meats? Absolutely none. There is not even a protection organ that dares to come out and defend them.—Indianapolis State Sentinel.

Good for Rheumatism.

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A Hot Town in Wyoming.

An animated westerner, Col. Dan Harkins of Thermopolis, Wyo., talked approvingly of the President's proposed western trip the other evening at the Willard Hotel. "I would invite him to drop in and see us at Thermopolis, but, you see, we are a couple of hundred miles off the railroad, and I wouldn't ask the President to make the trip on horseback in the kind of blizzard weather we sometimes get in Wyoming in the spring. But, I tell you what, he would see a hot town if he would come to Thermopolis—Thermopolis, heat, and polis, town, you know. We have a hot spring forty feet across which spouts up thousands of gallons of boiling hot water every second, cures everything, too, an lot of little hot springs. Some day when we get a railroad, we will have more people than Hot Springs, Ark., Carlsbad, Saratoga, or any of these other hot spring resorts."

"We have lively times in Thermopolis even now. Just the day before I left there was an exciting time in Tod's restaurant, when Tom O'Day, the bad man of the city, and Louis Bagby met. Bagby fired four shots across one of the restaurant tables at O'Day from a big '45' that kicked like a shotgun and roared like a cannon, while O'Day threw cups and plates and saucers at him to disconcert his aim. The dishes in that restaurant are granite ware, and if one of them had hit Bagby it would have done about as much damage as a shot from a gun. With the house filling with smoke, the roaring of Bagby's gun, the rattle of dishes, and all the other noises, it seemed to Tod's customers for breakfast that hades had broken loose and most of them took to the sagebrush, not waiting to put on their hats."

"One of them, John Helden, sat it out and kept on eating breakfast, regardless of the peculiar duel which was raging around him. O'Day came out of the scarp with one ear powder burned, and Bagby downcast over his poor shooting, went before Judge Erwin's court and pleaded guilty to shooting within the city limits. He paid his fine of ten dollars and is keeping his weather eye out for O'Day. Of course, we don't have these little affairs every morning, and if the President should visit Thermopolis we would see to it that the bad men put away their guns during his stay.—Washington Post.

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Still Chasing Smoot.

They are after Senator Smoot again. The executive committee of the National Reform association has initiated measures for renewing the opposition to the Mormon's hold upon his seat.

It is proposed that proof shall be found that Smoot has more than one wife, or, if it be impossible to find this, to inaugurate a fierce agitation of the proposition that, at any rate, he favors polygamy and so must be classed as a polygamist. This last idea is not original. It has been put forward before. No doubt it will continue to be put forward just as long as religious differences continue to exist.

But, unfortunately for this argument, it runs foul of the constitution of the United States; and the constitution, though sadly disfigured, still follows the flag as far as Utah. Religious

belief, even when offensive to the National Reform association, is not crime.

Acts, when in violation of laws, are crimes, and unfit a man for a seat in the Senate, provided they be not bank wrecking, railroad stealing, trust manipulation, or some other heavy juggling with other people's millions. But mere religious belief is not crime.

Senator Smoot may believe that a man may rightfully take unto himself 100 wives, and openly say so, but so long as he takes but one himself and properly provides for and well treats her, he stands upon the constitution and may sit in the Senate.—St. Louis World.

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All Women Should Marry.

Miss Mary Van Vorst, who spent weeks as a factory girl and mill girl to gain material for her book, "The Woman Who Toils," has emerged from her strenuous experiences with the firm conviction that every girl who can should marry.

It is the modern girl's disposition to take care of herself, she says, that brings upon the factory and mill girls the unutterable evils they suffer. It is no new argument that Miss Van Vorst offers. The right idea for the inspiration and development of the mind and soul of the young girl is matrimony. The right state for the stimulation and fructification of the mature woman is matrimony.

But that there is a growing tendency among American girls to remain single and shift for themselves is clearly evident. The fields of employment for girls are overcrowded, but girls patiently wait for openings or even work at starvation wages, while marriage is the last thing they think of.

History is luminous with the great deeds of women. Literature is rich with thought from women's minds. But among the names of eminently great women of any period or any pursuit you will look in vain for that of any old maid.

Joan d'Arc is the one possible exception that emphasizes the rule, yet it must be admitted that the world does not know whether she was married or not. Anyway, she was little more than a child.

A tree transplanted from its native clime and nurtured under unnatural conditions may live and seem to thrive, but it is not by such that the richest fruit is borne. And it is the same with a woman out of her natural element.—St. Louis Chronicle.

Mr. Gorman is for "harmony." Of course. He always wants "harmony" when some sort of a job is in progress. But it is remembered that he did not particularly desire "harmony" at the moment he was engaged with Mr. Quay, Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Allison, Mr. Platt and other attorneys of the tariff barons in the emancipation of the Wilson bill. Mr. Gorman was then looking out for the private interests of Mr. Gorman. He was practically as good a protectionist as the best of them when it came to writing schedules applying to coal and other interests with which he is connected and out of which he has grown opulent. Yet he is for "harmony" now and we suppose that as the Senate leader of the minority he will play into the hands of the privileged classes not less effectively than he did in 1894.—Johnstown Democrat.

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